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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 J.H. and D.H., parents of P.H., a minor,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:23-cv-191

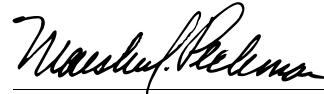
ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO
FILE UNREDACTED
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
UNDER SEAL

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16 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion to file the
17 administrative record under seal. The Court starts from the position that there is "a strong
18 presumption in favor of access to court records." Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 331
19 F.3d 1122, 1135 (9th Cir. 2003). To overcome this presumption, there must be a "compelling
20 reason" for sealing that is "sufficient to outweigh the public's interest in disclosure." Kamakana
21 v. City & County of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006). Compelling reasons exist in
22 this case. The parties' interests in keeping the information in the record confidential to protect
23 the minor student at issue outweighs the public's interest in disclosure of these confidential
24 records. See id. Given the volume of the record and the prevalence of sensitive information

1 contained in the record, redacting this confidential information would be overly burdensome and
2 would render the record difficult to understand – and thus far less valuable – to the public and the
3 Court. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the parties’ stipulated motion and DIRECTS the Clerk
4 to maintain the administrative record under seal once it is filed.

5 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

6 Dated June 6, 2023.

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